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E.O. 12065, RDS-3 07/7/02 (ROWNY, E. L.) OR-0

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SUBJECT: (U) MEMCON OF VISIT TO START GENEVA BY CODEL
-- FOGLIETTA AND BYRON, 5 JULY 1982

1. THIS IS START M-009. SECRET--ENTIRE TEXT.

2. CONGRESSMAN FOGLIETTA (D-PA.) AND CONGRESSWOMAN
BYRON (D-MD.), BOTH MEMBERS OF HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COM-
MITTEE, VISITED THE US START DELEGATION IN GENEVA ON
5 JULY 1982.

3. CODEL WAS BRIEFED BY AMBASSADORS ROWNY AND GOODBY AND
THEN BY MR. MOBBS (OSD DEL) AND ADMIRAL WILLIAMS (JCS
DEL). CODEL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. KLEIN AND CAPTAIN
HOFFORD.

4. FOGLIETTA WAS INITIALLY NON-COMMITTAL ABOUT THE FREEZE
AND CRITICAL OF MX BASING SCHEME. FOGLIETTA (AN ACTIVE
CATHOLIC) EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE STAND OF THE US
BISHOPS. ROWNY GAVE HIM COPY OF POPE'S SPEECH TO UN
DELIVERED BY CARDINAL CASAROLI DECLARING DETERRENCE TO BE
MORALLY ACCEPTABLE. AS TO THE FREEZE, ROWNY REPLIED
AFFIRMATIVELY TO FOGLIETTA'S QUESTION IF HOUSE FREEZE
PROPOSAL HURT ROWNY AS NEGOTIATOR.

5. BYRON APPEARED WELL INFORMED ON US START PROPOSAL AND
EXPRESSED SUPPORT. SHE SAID SHE IS ANTI-FREEZE. BYRON
WAS CRITICAL OF MX BASING AND SAID SHE FAVORED WITHHOLDING
FUNDS ON MX PRODUCTION UNTIL PENTAGON CAME UP WITH BETTER
BASING MODE THAN DENSE PACK.

6. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MOBBS AND WILLIAMS CODEL FOCUSED
MAINLY ON FREEZE MOVEMENT. BYRON REPEATED HER ANTI-FREEZE

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STAND. FOGLIETTA SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY ARGUMENTS ROWNY AND GOODBY HAD GIVEN HIM AGAINST THE FREEZE. HE RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO ARGUMENTS BY MOBBS AND WILLIAMS THAT A FREEZE IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH AND THAT NEGOTIATING WITH THE SOVIETS OVER A FREEZE WOULD DERAIL THE MORE IMPORTANT TASK OF REDUCTIONS. MOBBS AND WILLIAMS ALSO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STRATEGIC MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, MX IN PARTICULAR.

7. RECOMMEND ADMINISTRATION INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO CONVINCE REPRESENTATIVES THAT A FREEZE WOULD BE HARMFUL. AMONG OTHER REASONS, IT WOULD HINDER THE START NEGOTIATOR. ROWNY
END OF MESSAGE

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